HON'BLE MR. V. O. MARKOS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 580 Tons.

(*c*)	Date.	Name of party.	Quantity.
1.	1-5-1948 to 30-8-1948	M/S. M. Kasim Pillai & Sons, Vallakkadavu, Trivandrum.	43 3/4 tons of Tapioca chips.
2.	30-4-1948	Mr. Krishna Panikker, Kattakada, Nedumangad.	391 tons and 860 lbs. tapioca starch.
3.	15-4-1948	Mr. M. S. Abdul Kadir, Chalai, Trivandrum.	145 tons of tapioca starch.

Construction of Kottarakara-Alwaye Railway.

* 445. MR. K. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) what progress has so far been made in finalising the scheme for the construction of Kottarakara-Alwaye Railway; and

(*b*) whether Government has made any effort to contact the Central Government to expedite same, and if so, with what result?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: (*a*) No estimate has been prepared for a railway connecting Kottarakara with Alwaye. One has however been prepared for connecting Quilon with Ernakulam at an estimated cost of I. Rs. 1,84,76,407 in the year 1933. The cost will be much higher now.

(*b*) With regard to Quilon-Ernakulam Railway, the Government of India has been addressed.

Survey of lands for cultivation.

* 446. MR. K. S. JOSEPH (*Thiruvella VI—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Food be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Surveyors have been specially employed to survey the lands that have been released for cultivation this year from the Forest areas; and

(*b*) whether Government have instructed the Forest Department to mark out any land they intended to release next year, as early as possible this year: and to see that tree growth is cut and removed before Vrischigam next year?

HON'BLE MR. V. O. MARKOSE: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of releasing further lands is under consideration.

Distillery in Dry Areas.

* 447. MR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR (*Kalkulam II—Hindu Nadar*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for prohibition be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for having the Distillery at Nagercoil where prohibition is in force;

(*b*) whether Government have taken any step to shift the above mentioned institution from there; if not why?

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